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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace Lines 15-23 on Page 7 with the following amended lines:

target object T. Illumination assembly [[20]] [[21]] may comprise, for example, laser or light emitting diodes (LEDs) such as white LEDs or red LEDs. Illumination assembly [[20]] [[21]] may include target illumination and optics for projecting an aiming pattern on target T. Illumination assembly [[20]] [[21]] may be eliminated if ambient light levels are certain to be high enough to allow high quality images of object T to be taken. Illumination assembly [[20]] [[21]] may also be located remote from reader housing 11, at a location so as to eliminate or reduce specular

Please replace Line1 on Page 8 with the following amended line:

reflections. An imaging Imaging assembly [[33]] of reader 10 may include an image sensor